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1. 26 December 1946: the minelayer, Meline, is now between Porto Palermo and Saranda. It is armed with a 37mm. gun and two 8mm. machine guns. It is Diesel operated and attains a maximum speed of 8/9 knots. The crew is composed of about 20 men.
2. 26 December 1946: A Yugoslav destroyer, "T.5", patrols the waters between Durazzo and Valona. It is armed with two pairs of torpedo tubes (approximately 450mm.), two 57mm. guns, one 20mm. machine gun, and four 8mm. machine guns. The destroyer is Diesel operated and attains a maximum speed of 13 knots. The crew is composed of about 55 men.
3. 2-6 November 1946: The Svoboda, Pravda, and Friedor, ships of the Ragusa Shipping Company, were loaded in Fiume with about 120 heavy mortars and Skoda infantry guns. This materiel and corresponding ammunition, officially destined for Bouches de Cattaro (Boka Kotara), actually went to Durazzo.
4. 23 December 1946: About 20 motor boats of Russian origin were unloaded in Fiume and later sent to Scutari.
5. 10-14 January 1947: "Some" bases are being prepared for the Yugoslav Navy between Saranda and Butrinto. An arsenal is also planned, and an airfield is reported already under construction.
6. 14 January 1947: Nine motor boats have been armed for coast patrolling.

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7. 14 January 1947: In Durazzo a new jetty has almost been completed. The jetty is suitable for medium-sized vehicles.
8. 26 December 1946: A small Yugoslav ship recently discharged a cargo of war materiel at Durazzo.
9. 10 January 1947: Albanian Naval officers are attending the Naval Academy at Split.

ORDER OF BATTLE AND FORTIFICATIONS

10. 10 January 1947: A regiment of Russian mountain artillery is reported in the Ersek-Pode-Leskovic area. Comment: This item has not been confirmed.) 25X1X6
11. 23 December 1946: several thousand Yugoslav partisans, masquerading as Greeks and Albanians, have concentrated in the Valona area to provide reinforcements for the garrisons there and for Albanians operating against the Greeks. 25X1X6
12. 10 January 1947: A group of Albanian volunteers, chiefly ex-partisans, has been sent to Yugoslavia, together with about 8,500 recruits recently conscripted. It is believed that they have substituted some Yugoslav troops on the frontier, which have been transferred to Southern Serbia for garrison duties.
13. 10 January 1947: A Yugoslav division, composed of Serbs and Montenegrins, moving from Ohrid along the Struga-Radolist-Pogradec-Korca road, has taken up positions in the Bilisht area, in the vicinity of the Greek frontier.
14. 10 January 1947: A Yugoslav infantry regiment is reported at Elbasan. The regiment is said to be composed of Macedonians and Kossovars.
15. 10 January 1947: Colonel Islam Radovika has been placed in charge of the Operations Office of the National Defense Ministry. Major Ibrahim Derbishi is in charge of Medical Services; Lt. Colonel Ibrahim Suza of Supply Services. Major Sotyr Nescin has been appointed commander of the Valona area.

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16. 14 January 1947: A new Frontier Guard unit is being formed in Tirana. This unit will be composed of four battalions, one artillery regiment and some irregulars, chiefly ex-partisans of Macedonian origin.
17. 14 January 1947: Courses for infantry officers are held periodically in Tirana with 300 students per course. The school is directed by a Senior Albanian officer and a political commissar. The medical officer is a Captain Santoro. On completion of the course, especially selected students are sent to Russia for further training.
18. 23 December 1946: Three Czechoslovakian artillery officers have joined the Russian Military Mission in Albania.
19. 23 December 1946: Czechoslovakia is sending artillery (coastal guns, howitzers, and A/T guns) equipment, and horses to Albania. Comment: distributed 10 January 1947, reported that coast artillery guns had been ordered from Czechoslovakia by Soviet officials.)
20. 26 December 1946: A coastal battery has been installed on Kap Linguetta.
21. 14 January 1947: Ammunition dumps are reported near Tudini (sic) and Talenti (sic).

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